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CALTRANS FINISHES NEW LANES ON INTERSTATE 5 IN SHASTA COUNTY TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND REDUCE CONGESTION

REDDING – Caltrans today announced it has completed a \$16.5 million project that added new lanes for trucks and other slow-moving vehicles on Interstate 5 between Cottonwood and Anderson in Shasta County. The project was primarily funded (\$14 million) by Proposition 1B, a \$19.9 billion-dollar transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, the state has allocated more than \$9 billion in Proposition 1B funds.

“This project will enhance safety and reduce congestion by allowing slower-moving vehicles to travel in the climbing lane without slowing traffic behind them,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

In addition to new truck-climbing lanes, Caltrans also resurfaced nearly 14 lane-miles of highway pavement within the project limits.

The project was a partnership between Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

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